Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will it not unnecessarily increase the duties of the Head of the Executive?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It may slightly increase, but Government thought that it would not appreciably increase his duties.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has there been any instance of the misuse of power by the head of the department?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is the danger in giving that power to the Superintendent of Registration?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government do not think there is any danger but they thought that the power of compounding offences must vest with the Government. They can give such delegation of powers with qualified or unqualified conditions. They thought that this was better in the circumstances.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are the Government aware of the practice in Travancore so far as this question is concerned?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No.

Improvements of main roads in Mattancheri Municipality.

320. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what amount has been spent by the Mattancheri Municipality towards improvements of main roads and extension of same during last year;

(b) (1) what are the materials used for the construction of main roads at Mattancheri; (2) have the Government satisfied that the materials now used are satisfactory investments from the point of view of the using public;

(c) have the Government received any representations either from the Chairman of the Municipality or the public or the press complaining about the present condition of the roads; if so, what action has so far been taken to improve them; if not, what is the reason?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Rs. 3,161—9—0.

(b) (1) Granite metal, gravel and laterite metal.

(2) No complaint about the inadequacy of these materials has come to the notice of the Darbar.

(c) On account of the heavy traffic in the main roads of the Town, the Mattancheri Chairman requested Government to increase the contribution amount for the maintenance of these roads and also to widen the Palluruthy road at Government cost. For want of funds the requests could not be granted.

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